

which this is a further supplement; and it is right and proper, and for the benefit of all parties, that the stipulations of the contracts of apprenticeship so made, should be fulfilled: Therefore,

Certain
contracts
confirmed.

Provisos.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all contracts of apprenticeship, heretofore made by justices of the peace as aforesaid, during the sessions of the orphans courts of the county in which they reside, be and the same are hereby confirmed and made valid: *Provided always,* that this act shall not be construed to extend to any contract of apprenticeship, so made as aforesaid, which shall not have been approved and recorded agreeably to the sixth section of the law, to which this is a further supplement; *And provided also,* that said contracts shall, in all other respects, be in conformity with the terms, regulations and restrictions, of said original act, and of the several supplements thereto.

Two jus-
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bind ap-
prentices.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That at any time after the passage of this act, any two justices of the peace of the county, in which the person to be bound out may reside, shall, and they are hereby empowered, to bind out as an apprentice any child which the orphans court of such county may lawfully bind out, subject to the terms, regulations and restrictions, prescribed by the act of seventeen hundred and ninety-three, chapter forty-five, and of the supplements thereto, to which this is a further supplement; *Provided always,* that the contract of apprenticeship so made shall be approved and recorded agreeably to the sixth section of the said law.

Evidence of
contract of
apprentice-
ship.

SEC. 3. *And whereas,* it is represented to this general assembly, that the manner of binding apprentices in the several orphans courts in this state is not uniform, and that certain of the said courts use an instrument of writing in the nature of an indenture, and certain other of the said courts use an instrument in the nature of a recognizance, as evidence of the said contract of apprenticeship, in order therefore to prevent any inconveniences which may hereafter arise therefrom, *Be it enacted,* That the several orphans courts of this state be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to use an instrument of writing in the nature of an indenture, or an instrument of writing in the nature of a recognizance, as evidence of any contract of apprenticeship entered into in any one of the said courts, according to the provisions of the act of assembly to which this is a further supplement, and of the several other supplements to the said act.

Certain
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not vitiated
for defect
of form.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That all contracts of apprenticeship heretofore entered into in the said courts, either in the nature of an indenture or of a recognizance, shall not be vitiated for defect of form, but shall be good and valid to all intents and